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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING HUMAN INTERVERTEBRAL DISC CELLS

STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 C.F.R. § 1.9(f) & 1.27(d))--NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

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I hereby state that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, regarding the invention described in:

- ☒ the specification filed herewith with title as listed above.
- ☐ the application identified above.
- ☐ the patent identified above.

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☐ Each such person, concern, or organization is listed below.

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

☐ Individual ☐ Small Business ☐ Nonprofit Organization

FULL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

☐ Individual ☐ Small Business ☐ Nonprofit Organization

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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney Docket No. 8151-24A

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

METHOD FOR PRODUCING HUMAN INTERVERTEBRAL DISC CELLS,

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

OR

☐ was filed on _____ as United States Application No. or PCT International Application Number _____ and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or of any PCT International application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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Number	Country	MM/DD/YYYY Filed	Priority Claimed
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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